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The Directors submit the following report for the two years ending Dec. 31, 1914 :

HISTORICAL NOTE

HARRIET RYAN (afterward MRS. ALBEE) was born in Boston, March 5, 1829. In her youth she saw much of illness in her own family and assisted her mother in the care of helpless incurables. She was early compelled to earn her own living, and being of an exceptionally tender and sympathetic nature devoted herself and a large part of her earnings unselfishly to the care of chronic and helpless invalids. In the course of her daily rounds as a hairdresser she succeeded in obtaining sufficient encouragement in her benevolent task to enable her to secure the unoccupied vestry of Dr. Channing's church in Federal Street, where the Home was first opened in May, 1857. This soon proved inadequate for all the poor patients in need of her help, and in March, 1858, the Home was moved to 13 South Street, where it was incorporated as the Channing Home. In 1859 a fair was given in aid of the Home, for which poems were written by Nathaniel Langdon Frothingham, Oliver Wendell Holmes, James Russell Lowell and Ralph Waldo Emerson. On May 1, 1870, it was necessary to move to more commodious quarters at 30 McLean Street. Until her death on May 2, 1873, Harriet Ryan Albee never failed in her devotion to the Home and actively directed its affairs.

A charming sketch of her life was written in 1901 by James De Normandy, D.D. The Home was again moved on October 31, 1907, to its present location on the corner of Francis Street and Pilgrim Road (Longwood), Boston.

The institution has now completed more than a half century of existence and was the first of its kind to be established in this country. A comfortable home has already been given to more than thirteen hundred indigent women. All patients have thus far been treated free of charge.

PURPOSES OF THE HOME

It was Harriet Ryan's purpose that the Home should never do good by rule but according to a present need. The care of tuberculous patients is a serious problem in Massachusetts where there are probably 10,000 cases of consumption needing institutional care and for whom not over 2,800 beds are provided by municipal and private charity.

In view of the pressing need in the community for the isolation and care of poor patients with pulmonary tuberculosis, it is the purpose of the Directors of the Home to devote its resources exclusively to such cases. In view also of the increasing provision by the city and the state of public institutions for the care of tuberculous patients without regard to their previous social condition, it is felt that this Home can fill a special place by the admission of those whose former associations would make life in a public institution an added trial in their affliction.

The protective influence of the Home in the community is one of its most important functions. Tuberculosis is a preventable disease. It is communicable and most dangerous in the advanced stages of the pulmonary form. One of the most important means of checking its spread is therefore the segregation of patients with advanced pulmonary tuber-

culosis. In isolating so many cases with this form of the disease, the Channing Home has performed an invaluable work in preventing the spread of tuberculosis by protecting the patients' homes and the public from infection and by relieving the wage-earners of the family from the burden of a long and expensive illness. Preventive measures of this sort should be largely extended in this and other communities. The rapidly diminishing mortality from tuberculosis in the past twenty-five years is hopeful for the final stamping out of the disease. The rapidity with which this can be accomplished is largely dependent on the co-operation and assistance which an enlightened public gives to preventive measures. This and all previous reports of the Channing Home contain a melancholy record of lives needlessly sacrificed through ignorance.

Tuberculosis is not only preventable: in its earliest stages the disease is often capable of cure. Under favorable conditions an arrest of the disease may also in rare instances be secured in its more advanced stages. In its present building, with an abundance of fresh air and sunshine, the Home can now offer more hope of cure to those who are capable of recovery. The quiet neighborhood and pleasing prospect across the Parkway are important factors in contributing to the comfort and cheer of the patients.

The Home also exerts an important educational influence on the community. By a course of strict training it can now instruct its patients in the sources of danger to others. The observance of proper precautions by the patients diminishes the chance of infection from those who leave the institution and is a useful example to the numerous relatives and friends who visit the Home. In a number of instances the necessity for medical investigation of members of the patients' families has been successfully urged.

SOCIAL SERVICE

The Directors wish to thank the Young Men's Christian Union for carriage rides during the warm season, Dr. John Dixwell for a concert, Dr. Gerald Blake and Mr. Arthur Blake for concerts and Christmas entertainment, and Messrs. Kilduff, Collins and Coppins for a concert on Christmas evening.

The Directors wish also to express their obligations to Mr. John S. Ames, Mrs. Freeman Allen, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Shepherd Brooks, Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Benedict, Mr. Arthur Blake, Mr. and Mrs. J. Randolph Coolidge, Mr. Harold J. Coolidge, Mrs. H. C. Cunningham, Mrs. Geo. C. Cutler, Mrs. G. A. Carter, Mrs. C. P. Curtis, Mrs. Julian C. Codman, Mrs. John G. Coolidge, Mrs. John Dunn, Mrs. Arthur Denny, Dr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Derby, Mr. John C. Dunn, Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. S. W. Fessenden, Dr. and Mrs. A. Gaertner, Mr. and Mrs. Wilder Goodwin, Mrs. Reginald Gray, Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson, Miss Eulalia Iasigi, Miss Marie V. Iasigi, Mrs. C. H. Joy, Miss Kennan, Mrs. Henry P. King, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Little, Mr. Leo London, Mrs. Geo. G. Lowell, Miss Georgina Lowell, Mrs. E. W. Longley, Miss Lovering, Miss M. A. Maynard, Mrs. M. A. McGrath, Mr. James McGrath, S. S. Pierce Co., Estate of Miss Pendergast (a grateful patient), Miss Katherine Rogers, Miss M. R. Ring, Mrs. Channing C. Simmons, Mr. A. Shuman, Miss Slocum, Mrs. W. Thaxter, Dr. Van Gorder, Miss T. W. White, Miss M. G. Wier, Mr. F. G. Webster, Rev. Dan'l Waldron, Faith and Hope Association (Christmas tree gifts), who have sent furnishings, fruits, gifts, flowers and other delicacies to the Home. They wish also to acknowledge the kind services rendered at all times by the physicians and their assistants, as well as by the matron and the nurse.

FEES FROM PATIENTS

All patients have hitherto been treated free of charge, but a constantly recurring deficit now obliges the Directors to make a charge of \$4 per week for patients.

NEEDS OF THE HOME

The Home is in urgent need of further financial assistance. The annual expenses of the Home, including ordinary expenditures and contingent outlays, exceed the income from invested funds and annuities by nearly \$1,000. Since 1909 an earnest appeal has been made for annual subscribers. The names of those who have contributed to the Home during the past two years will be found on page 9. It is hoped that this list may be largely extended. Donations and bequests are also earnestly solicited.

A most urgent and immediate need is an X-Ray apparatus. No clinic which attempts properly to diagnose and treat patients with pulmonary disease can be without this important means of supplementing the ordinary methods of physical examination. The installation of the apparatus will cost about \$2,500. The annual cost for maintenance will probably amount to about \$1,200.

MEDICAL REPORT

To January 1, 1915, one thousand four hundred and twenty-seven patients have been admitted to the Home.

On December 31, 1912, there were eighteen patients in the Home. During the two years ending December 31, 1914, ninety-four patients were admitted. Thus one hundred and twelve patients are on record for the two years which have elapsed since the last report. Of this number one with a chronic non-tuberculous broncho-pulmonary infec-

tion developed cancer of the breast, for which she was operated at the Massachusetts General Hospital. One patient was found on admission not to have tuberculosis and was discharged. The remaining one hundred and ten patients had pulmonary tuberculosis and may be classed according to the stage of their disease as follows :

Incipient	13
Moderately advanced	20
Far advanced	77

An improvement has been obtained under treatment in twelve of the incipient, in seventeen of the moderately advanced, and in nine of the far advanced. In seventy-two patients there has been no improvement. Of this number thirty-two have died. There are twenty-one tuberculous patients now in the Home and fifty-eight have been discharged during the two years.

The friends of the Home are invited to visit the institution and see the plan on which it is conducted. Any gifts may be sent to the Treasurer, Hon. James P. Parmenter, Suffolk Court House, or to the Home.

Dr. Charles H. Lawrence has resigned from the position of Assistant Visiting Physician. Dr. Hugh Payne Greeley has been appointed to fill this vacancy.

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Executive Committee.

DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

1913 — 1915

Mrs. Gordon Abbott	.	.	.	.	.	\$20.00
Mrs. Jere. Abbott	.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Mrs. C. F. Adams, 2d	.	.	.	.	.	20.00
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Mrs. G. R. Agassiz	.	.	.	.	.	50.00
Mrs. Leonard Ahl	.	.	.	.	.	20.00
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Mr. J. S. Ames	.	.	.	.	.	200.00
Miss Mary S. Ames	.	.	.	.	.	10.00
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Anonymous	.	.	.	.	.	25.00
Mrs. G. E. Armstrong	.	.	.	.	.	10.00
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Mrs. A. W. Blake	.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Mrs. S. P. Blake	.	.	.	.	.	30.00
Miss S. F. Bremer	.	.	.	.	.	40.00
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Mrs. P. C. Brooks	.	.	.	.	.	25.00
Mrs. Shepherd Brooks	.	.	.	.	.	50.00
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Miss E. F. Cary	.	.	.	.	.	20.00
Mrs. Channing Clapp	.	.	.	.	.	14.00
Mrs. W. W. Clapp	.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Dr. J. P. Clark	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Mr. A. C. Coolidge	.	.	.	.	.	10.00
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Mrs. J. R. Coolidge	.	.	.	.	.	40.00

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Miss M. V. Iasigi	10.00
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Miss M. C. Mixter	10.00
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Mrs. E. P. Motley	15.00
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Mrs. G. H. Shaw	20.00
Mrs. Q. A. Shaw	50.00
Mrs. Q. A. Shaw, Jr.	25.00
Mr. S. S. Shaw	5.00
Mr. Francis Skinner	200.00
Mr. J. T. Spaulding	50.00
Mr. W. S. Spaulding	50.00
Mrs. R. H. Stevenson	10.00
Mrs. Frederic Stone	20.00
Miss A. M. Storer	10.00
Miss M. G. Storer	10.00
Mrs. E. R. Thayer	5.00
Mr. Thomas Todd	10.00
Mrs. C. T. White	10.00
Mr. Geo. Wigglesworth	20.00

THE CHANNING HOME, *in account with*JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer**December 31, 1912, to December 31, 1913*

• DR.

Interest on Mortgage	\$225.00
Interest on Bonds	3,963.28
Dividends on Stocks	3,135.00
Trustees of E. V. Ashton Estate	1,600.00
R. B. Brigham Estate, Annuity	1,000.00
Gifts and Subscriptions	1,175.00
Interest on Deposit in Old Colony Trust Company	40.93
Borrowed of Principal Account	639.98
	<u>\$11,779.19</u>

CR.

Ordinary Expenses of Home	\$11,725.00
Sundries	<u>54.19</u>
	<u>\$11,779.19</u>

JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer*

January 14, 1914

THE CHANNING HOME, *in account with*JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer**December 31, 1913, to December 31, 1914*

DR.

Interest on Mortgage	\$225.00
Interest on Bonds	3,959.67
Dividends on Stocks	2,495.00
Trustees of E. V. Ashton Estate	1,800.00
R. B. Brigham Estate, Annuity	1,000.00
Gifts and Subscriptions	1,839.00
Interest on Deposit in Old Colony Trust Company	40.79
Borrowed of Principal Account	882.72
	<u>\$12,242.18</u>

CR.

Ordinary Expenses of Home	\$12,125.00
Insurance	52.50
Sundries	64.68
	<u>\$12,242.18</u>

JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer*

January 13, 1915

